



Person Specification Head of Talent

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Knowledge and qualifications	 A Bachelors or Masters degree in Human Resources, Learning & Development, or related field Industry-recognised qualification (Level 5), or equivalent Coaching and/or learning and development qualification or have appropriate equivalent An understanding of the regulatory and professional considerations that impact learning and development in an educational environment is essential Up-to-date knowledge of safer recruitment requirements and safeguarding responsibilities 	 Industry-recognised qualification (Level 7), or equivalent Hold the status of Chartered Fellow of the CIPD or equivalent level of professional membership in Leadership/Teaching career QTS/QTLS is not essential for this role, but would be advantageous Prior knowledge of obtaining sponsorship licences. Keeping updated with changes in education industry and employment law to inform policy writing
Experience	 Significant previous team leadership experience, including managing remote / dispersed regional teams, capable of inspiring and motivating a team to achieve goals. A proven experience in talent acquisition and recruitment, with a track record of success in leadership roles Demonstrable experience of successfully developing and implementing learning and development plans across an organisation Successful track record of working in collaboration with and as part of senior leadership teams Significant previous experience of leading a Learning and Development function, ideally within the education field, including leading Teacher Training programmes would be advantageous Proven track record of successfully developing and implementing talent development strategies and initiatives. 	 Minimum of 7 years of experience in talent management/HR or a related field Experience in employer branding initiatives and promoting the organisation as an employer of choice. Experience of implementing frameworks, process, and system implementation Experience working in a fast paced, dynamic environment where change is constant. Proven ability to manage and lead change initiatives within an organisation. Experience in training delivery personally and leading others in this provision on a large scale Previous experience of working in learning and development in an educational





Skills	 Ability to convey a strong strategic vision and align talent acquisition strategies with the organisation's business objectives. Expertise in talent sourcing, attracting toptier candidates, working with senior leaders to drive talent development and a strong talent pipeline. Excellent verbal and non-verbal communications including awareness of impact of communication on desired audience Demonstrate excellent attention to detail, focused and analytical, with strong organisational and prioritisation skills Comfortable operating in a matrix organisation and delivering through others collaboratively as part of a shared vision A high performing, target driven individual who is passionate about delivering an outstanding colleague experience Ensure solutions embrace diversity and inclusion initiatives to foster a diverse workforce and promote and inclusive culture. Ability to develop external relationships of significant importance to the Trust. Strong leadership skills. Able to inspire and motivate others to achieve results. Able to operationalise strategic plans into tangible, sustainable results You will be able to demonstrate data-driven, decision-making skills, with the ability to analyse recruitment metrics and optimise recruitment processes. You will have excellent communication, negotiation, and relationship-building abilities to collaborate effectively with internal and external stakeholders. 	 Strong analytical and problem-solving skills with the ability to collect and analyse data to inform talent development decisions. Exceptional organisational and project management skills with the ability to manage multiple priorities and meet deadlines. Ability to adapt to a fast paced and changing environment and drive change within the business. Commitment to continuous learning and professional development in the field of talent development Technical understanding and previous experience of developing Learning Management Systems, creating and developing career pathways and identifying talent Strategic thinker with the ability to design and implement talent development initiatives that align with business goals. Solid understanding of talent development best practice from Early Careers stage. Demonstrate impact in promoting diversity and inclusion within development strategies. Developing commercial plans for providing services externally.
Availability / Requirements	Regional Scope: This role will be based centrally, but will require travel to all regions, including South, Southeast, Southwest.	